Pani Satyagraha

423. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the *Pani Satyagraha* started on 30th of January coinciding the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, demanding that green belts and water bodies across the country be protected by notifying them as Water Sanctuaries; and

(b) if so, whether Government are moving in that direction to ensure sustainable water supply for *aam aadmil*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Water Resources has not received any information from any source about *Pani Satyagraha* demanding that green belts and water bodies across the country be protected by notifying them as Water Sanctuaries.

(b) Does not arise.

Linking of Mahanadi with Brahmani River

424. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to link Mahanadi with Brahmani in Orissa to control floods in the coastal districts of the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of Central help that is proposed to be extended to the States in the execution of this gigantic task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) There is no proposal of National Water Development Agency (NWDA) to link Mahanadi with Brahmani in Orissa. However, proposed Subernarekha - Mahanadi link by NWDA crosses Brahmani river, but there is no proposal to withdraw the water from or to supplement the water of Brahmani river through this link.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Based on various studies conducted, NWDA under National Perspective Plans (NPP) has identified 30 links (16 Peninsular and 14 Himalayan) for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). NWDA has prepared FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 links under Himalayan Component (Indian Portion). Preparation of